Centrally sponsored schemes

2482. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry;

(b) the essential features of each of the schemes; and

(c) the details of schemes adopted/accepted by the Government of Goa and being implemented by it?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No Centrally sponsored scheme is in operation in Ministry of Power during Tenth Plan.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Lives lost during the construction of Nathpa Jhakri Plant

2483. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 300 lives were lost during construction of Nathpa Jhakri Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what compensation and other benefit had been provided to the kith and kin of the victims?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Nathpa Jhakri Project was taken over by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (formerly named as Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation) from Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board in the year 1989. Construction works commenced in the year 1993. 179 lives were lost during the period from 1989 to till date, as per details given below:

SI. No.	Year	Nos. of fatal accidents
1.	1989	01
2.	1990	07
3.	1991	12
4.	1992	03
5.	1993	10
6.	1994	23
7.	1995	13
8.	1996	28

SI. No.	Year	Nos. of fatal accidents
9.	1997	25
10.	1998	12
11.	1999	08
12.	2000	09
13.	2001	14
14.	2002	05
15.	2003	08
16.	2004	00
17.	2005 to till date	01
	TOTAL:	

Note: The death toll as above includes the fatal accidents at work site of the project, road accidents, landslides on the residential houses of the employees and other natural disasters like flash floods etc. This includes 24 employees of the Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited and 155 employees of major contractors.

(c) Compensation under Workmen Compensation Act in respect of 174 cases has been paid. The total amount of compensation paid is Rs. 2,82,89,058 (Rupees two crore eighty two lacs eighty nine thousand and fifty eight only). Five cases are pending for disposal by the Workmen Compensation Commission.

Priority for supply of drinking water

2484. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is giving top priority to supply of drinking water in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of the amount sanctioned to each State;

(c) whether Government has asked the States to prepare any perspective plan for giving a big thrust to watershed programme; and

(d) if so, the details of States who have prepared perspective plan so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Though